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IN THE CLAIMS

✓ Cancel claim 11 without prejudice.

Amend claim 9 as follows:

9. (Twice Amended) A dual purpose apparatus providing,
alternatively, an insect trap and a fly swatter, the apparatus comprising:

an elongate, resiliently flexible handle having a rear end intended
to be grasped by a user, and a front end;

a rigid housing attached to the front end of the handle, the housing
defining an insect trap compartment having a large aperture through which an
insect is placed within the insect trap compartment, the housing further
including a projection extending rearwardly from the insect trap compartment,
for supporting a front end portion of the slidable means when placed in its
retracted position;

means slidable with respect to the handle and the housing in a
plane between a retracted position and an extended position, for covering the
insect trap compartment aperture in the extended position, and for uncovering
said compartment aperture in the retracted position and an extended position,
for covering the insect trap compartment aperture in the extended position, and
for uncovering said compartment aperture in the retracted position to permit

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access to the insect trap compartment, wherein the slidable means, in the extended position, and the housing cooperatively provide a fly swatter;

wherein the slidable means comprises a planar closure member, and wherein the housing includes a track for the closure member, the track comprising two parallel channels which define two sides of the compartment aperture, wherein the channels are arranged to support a front end portion of the closure member throughout its range of motion between the retracted and extended positions; and

a rear slide clamp attached to a rear end portion of the closure member, having a central notch through which the handle slidably extends, which provides means for slidably supporting the rear end portion of the closure member relative to the handle.

Add new claim 20 as follows:

--20. A hand held fly swatter apparatus capable of being configured to capture insects alive from given surfaces to allow their subsequent disposal, the apparatus comprising:

an elongate handle having a rear end intended to be grasped by a user, and a front end;

a rigid housing attached to the front end of the handle and defining an insect trap compartment having a large aperture through which an insect is